(c) by when this direct inter-city train would be introduced, to meet the long pending demand of the people of the State ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Some representations including from Shri Navin Patnaik, Chief Minister, Orissa have been received.

(c) 7615/7616 Kacheguda-Palasa Visakha Express via Visakhapatnam has been extended upto Bhubaneswar from 22.02.2002 and is now running as 7015/7016 Bhubaneswar-Secunderabad Express. This is providing additional service for the Bhubaneswar-Visakhapatnam Passengers. Introduction of intercity train between Visakhapatnam and Bhubaneswar is not feasible at present due to operational and resource constraints.

Trolley at Nagpur Railway Station

1136. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways have received complaints from passengers regarding non-availability of trollies and high-handed behaviour of porters at Nagpur station

(b) if so, the action taken in this regard;

(c) whether it is mandatory for the Railway authorities to provide trollies to the porters at the station;

(d) if so, the number of trollies provided at Nagpur station during the last three years; and

(e) whether these trollies are sufficient to handle luggage at the station?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) and (b) One complaint has been received in the recent past regarding non-availability of trollies at Nagpur railway station. Though fifteen trollies are owned and maintained by the Union of Porters at Nagpur, Railway has also taken action to procure trollies.

(c) to (e) Though not mandatory, trollies are provided at major stations on the basis of traffic handled. No trollies were provided at Nagpur station

for the last three years but action has already been taken to procure trollies now.

Remodelling of Nagpur Railway station yard

1137. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposed Nagpur Railway station yard remodelling project has been started;

(b) if so, the details thereof, alongwith the work to be undertaken;

(c) whether the Railways propose to develop Ajani Railway station as alternative and second station for Nagpur city;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Details of Works to be undertaken are as under:—

* Extension of Platform No. 1 & 3 to accommodate 26 coach train.
* Extension of Platform No. 4 to accommodate 22 coach train.
* Extension of Platform No. 5 & 7 to accommodate 21 coach train.
* Extension of Platform No. 6 to accommodate 24 coach train.

Alongwith other miscellaneous related facilities such as, provision of pathway in yard, extension of cover over platform, watering arrangement for extended portion, extension of washing sidding and washable apron, construction Drivers and Guards lobby, construction of Store room, Vacuum Exhauster room and drains in yard. Contract for extension of Platform Nos. 1,3,4,5,6, and 7 including extension of cover over platform, washing siding extension of washable apron etc. have been awarded and work has been commenced.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.